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(f) if the relative values of the first and second proximities meet a defined constraint, loading the content to the second server.

23. (twice amended) A method of releasing stored content items from a server to make room for new content items, the method comprising:

- D 1
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- (a) identifying, on the server, a first stored content item and a second stored content item;
 - (b) determining a first proximity between the server and a source of the first stored content item;
 - (c) determining a second proximity between the server and a source of the second stored content item; and
 - (d) releasing one of the first and second stored content items by directly comparing the relative values of the first and second proximities, wherein at least one of the first and second proximities is determined by at least one of the following factors: bandwidth, number of hops, congestion, noise and loss on a network segment, and charges incurred to send.